

ArtsHub Update

April 25 - May 8, 2020

Highlights

Of Note

- Congrats to ART Resident Artist and TCG Fox Foundation Fellow Ayanna Berkshire on her feature in *American Theater* magazine's [Role Call: People to Watch](#).
- Theater Communications Group (TCG) held the first of two multi-day virtual theatre conferences this week. A few ART staff members were able to attend the online discussions and presentations, along with many members of the Portland theatre community and hundreds of theatre leaders from around the U.S.
- Script development work has begun on *The Great Divide* by E.M. Lewis, which is co-commissioned by ART's Table|Room|Stage program and the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Last week, Ellen heard a group of actors read her current draft via Zoom.
- Hand2Mouth (H2M) continued its devising process via Zoom for a new theatre piece called *This Town* with ART Lacroute Playwright-in-Residence Andrea Stolowitz, featuring both H2M and ART company members. ART/H2M are collaborating to secure grant funding for ongoing work developing the piece.
- Twelve students participated in Michael Mendelson's virtual Shakespeare class, *Shakespeare Comedies*. Students joined in from California, Idaho, Seattle, and the Portland area.
- ART Teaching Artist Linda Hayden is teaching clowning online for Vancouver School of Arts and Academics.
- Michael Mendelson is teaching Shakespeare online for Vancouver School of Arts and Academics.
- Sarah Lucht is teaching a three-week dramaturgy class for the Guild called Inspiration and Comfort: Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*.
- ART Education is offering several online classes, including: Stay Stage Ready: Focus on Comedy with Sarah Lucht; Shakespeare Comedies with Michael Mendelson; Alexander Technique with Jacklyn Maddux; (Play)Writing During the Quarantine with Dan Kitrosser; Summer Teen Conservatory Session One: Focus on Auditions and Monologues; and Summer Teen Conservatory Session Two: Focus on Scene Work. Stay tuned for more class announcements.
- Portland Actors Conservatory (PAC) First Year students continue their coursework online. Their teachers include Resident Artists Chris Harder, Sarah Lucht, Michael Mendelson and ART teaching artists Linda Hayden and Jacklynn Maddux.

Upcoming Events

All classes and meetings have been shifted to remote-only.

- **Tuesday, May 12, 11:30am - online** - Stay Stage Ready: focus on Comedy with Sarah Lucht
- **Saturday, May 16, 1:00pm - online** - Alexander Technique with Jacklyn Maddux
- **Monday, May 18, 4:00pm - online** - Guild Meeting
- **Monday, May 18, 6:30pm - online** - (Play)Writing During the Quarantine with Dan Kitrosser
- **Monday, June 15, 4:00pm - online** - Guild Meeting
- **Monday, June 15, 11:00am - online** - Summer Conservatory for Teens - Week 1
- **Monday, June 22, 11:00am - online** - Summer Conservatory for Teens - Week 2

This bi-weekly email highlights the work happening across the ArtsHub, along with upcoming events of note. If you would like to add items to future updates or be removed from the distribution list, please contact [Karen Rathje](#) or [Allie Delaney](#).